

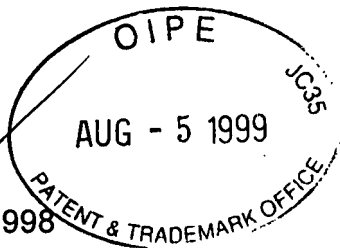
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RESPONSE

In response to the letter of July 13, 1999, applicants elect the species of Figure 26 which include the adapter arrangement of Figures 27 and 28, as well as the breakaway plunger. All Claims 13-29 read on the elected species. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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